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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Original claims 1-16 are all the claims currently pending in this Application. Claims 1, 2, and 8-16 are withdrawn. Therefore, claims 3-7 are all the claims currently under consideration.

Claim Rejections

Claims 3-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Sawayama (U.S. Patent 6,184,960), in view of Shimada (U.S. Patent 5,949,507).